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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 September 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 and 16-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 and 16-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's amendment was received on 9/6/05, and has been entered and made of record. Currently, **claims 1-13, and 16-20** are pending.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The references listed in the Information Disclosure Statement submitted on 11/15/05 have been considered by the examiner (see attached PTO-1449).

Specification

3. The amendment to the specification was received on 9/6/05, but fails to overcome the objection regarding embedded hyperlinks within the disclosure in paragraphs 0032, 0040, 0041, and 0045-0047. Subsequently, the objection to the specification is repeated in this Office action. The disclosure is objected to because it contains an embedded hyperlink and/or other form of browser-executable code. Applicant is required to delete the embedded hyperlink and/or other form of browser-executable code. See MPEP § 608.01. Particularly, MPEP § 608.01 states "Examples of a hyperlink or a browser-executable code are a URL placed between these symbols "< >" and http:// followed by a URL address."

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments filed 9/6/05 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

5. In response to applicant's arguments regarding the rejection of **claim 1**, which was cited in the Office action dated 6/6/05, as being anticipated by Choksi *et al.* (U.S. Patent Number 6,477,243), whereby applicant argues on pages 10 and 11 that Choksi does not teach of "notifying each identified Internet enabled device of the specific location for the saved facsimile", as examples of an "identified Internet enabled device" are e-mail enabled printers, embedded web server printers, e-mail enabled print servers, and browser enabled printers. The examiner notes that the claim does not specify the types of Internet enabled devices, such as e-mail enabled printers, embedded web server printers, e-mail enabled print servers, and browser enabled printers. Choksi teaches of identifying a recipient's e-mail address, which is used to send a notification to an address across the Internet, as read in column 5, lines 13-67, whereby the e-mail address would inherently be identifying an Internet enabled device. Further, Choksi teaches of identifying an Internet enabled device associated with each intended recipient of the facsimile, as read in column 9, lines 18-21, whereby user identification data transmitted in the facsimile message is identified at step 110 and "is mapped to the associated user communication address", thus identifying an Internet enabled device, as the identified user communication address is an e-mail address. Continuing, Choksi teaches in column 9, lines 21-24 of notifying each identified Internet enabled device of the specific location for the saved facsimile, as "the user communication address is used, at step 112, to notify the user of the receipt of the facsimile message, e.g., by e-mail".

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6. Therefore, the rejection of **claim 1**, as cited in the Office action dated 6/6/05, under 35 U.S.C.102(e), as being anticipated by Choksi *et al.*, is maintained and repeated in this Office action. Further, for the same reasons discussed above, the rejection of **claims 2-4**, as cited in the Office action dated 6/6/05, under 35 U.S.C.102(e), as being anticipated by Choksi *et al.*, is also maintained and repeated in this Office action.

7. In response to applicant's arguments regarding the rejection of **claim 5**, which was cited in the Office action dated 6/6/05, as being anticipated by Choksi *et al.*, whereby applicant argues on pages 11 and 12 that Choksi does not teach of the Internet enabled device, similar to the arguments discussed in claim 1. As discussed above, the claim does not specify the types of Internet enabled devices, such as e-mail enabled printers, embedded web server printers, e-mail enabled print servers, and browser enabled printers, as argued, and Choksi teaches of identifying a recipient's e-mail address, which is used to send a notification to an address across the Internet, as read in column 5, lines 13-67, whereby the e-mail address would inherently be identifying an Internet enabled device.

8. Continuing, applicant further argues that Choksi fails to teach of the newly amended limitation, which states "notifying each of said set of intended recipients via an Internet enabled device or via facsimile of said saved facsimile and said storage location for retrieving said facsimile". The examiner notes that the claim currently requires notifying the recipients by an Internet enabled device **OR** notifying the recipients by facsimile. As discussed above, Choksi can be interpreted as notifying the intended recipients via an Internet enabled device of the saved facsimile and the storage location for retrieving said facsimile, as read in column 9, lines 1-29.

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9. Therefore, the rejection of **claim 5**, as cited in the Office action dated 6/6/05, under 35 U.S.C.102(e), as being anticipated by Choksi *et al.*, is maintained and repeated in this Office action. Further, for the same reasons discussed above, the rejection of **claims 6-13, 16, and 17**, as well as **claims 18-20**, as cited in the Office action dated 6/6/05, under 35 U.S.C.102(e), as being anticipated by Choksi *et al.*, are also maintained and repeated in this Office action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

10. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

11. **Claims 1-13, and 16-20** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Choksi *et al.* (U.S. Patent Number 6,477,243, cited in the Office action dated 6/6/05).

Regarding **claim 1**, Choksi discloses a method of distributing a facsimile to an Internet enabled device, comprising receiving a facsimile (step 106 in Fig. 6, column 9, lines 1-17), storing the facsimile on a storage media at a specific location (step 108 in Fig. 6, column 9, lines 12-17), identifying an Internet enabled device associated with each intended recipient of the facsimile (step 110 in Fig. 6, column 9, lines 18-29), and notifying each identified Internet enabled device of the specific location for the saved facsimile (step 112 in Fig. 6, column 6, lines 18-55).

Regarding **claim 2**, Choksi discloses the method discussed above in claim 1, and further teaches that the notifying each identified Internet enabled device of the specific location for the saved facsimile comprises sending the Internet enabled device an e-mail identifying the specific location for the saved facsimile (see Figs. 5 and 6, column 8, line 49-column 9, line 29).

Regarding **claim 3**, Choksi discloses the method discussed above in claim 1, and further teaches of using the Internet enabled device to retrieve the saved facsimile from the specific location, and printing the facsimile (column 5, lines 49-67).

Regarding **claim 4**, Choksi discloses the method discussed above in claim 1, and further teaches that the Internet enabled device is selected from the group consisting of an embedded web server printer and a web browser enabled printer (column 5, lines 24-67).

Regarding **claim 5**, Choksi discloses a method of distributing a facsimile comprising sending a facsimile to a registered address (step 106 in Fig. 6, column 9, lines 1-17), retrieving the facsimile (column 8, lines 49-67), determining a set of intended recipients for the facsimile from the registered address (step 110 in Fig. 6, column 9, lines 18-29), saving the facsimile to a specific storage location on a storage media (column 8, lines 3-67, and step 108 in Fig. 6, column 9, lines 12-17), and notifying each of the set of intended recipients via an Internet enabled device OR via facsimile of the saved facsimile and the specific storage location for retrieving the facsimile (step 112 in Fig. 6, column 6, lines 18-55).

Regarding **claim 6**, Choksi discloses the method discussed above in claim 5, and further teaches that the registered address is associated with a facsimile distribution center (column 8, line 3-column 9, line 29).

Regarding **claim 7**, Choksi discloses the method discussed above in claim 6, and further teaches that the facsimile distribution center comprises a computer program for receiving facsimiles, sending facsimiles, sending e-mails, and determining intended recipients for saved facsimiles (column 8, line 3-column 9, line 29).

Regarding *claim 8*, Choksi discloses the method discussed above in claim 5, and further teaches that the registered address is selected from the group consisting of phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and URL addresses (column 7, line 49-column 8, line 67).

Regarding *claim 9*, Choksi discloses the method discussed above in claim 5, and further teaches that determining a set of intended recipients from the registered address comprises querying a database for determining a set of intended recipients (column 8, lines 3-67).

Regarding *claim 10*, Choksi discloses the method discussed above in claim 9, and further teaches that querying a database for determining a set of intended recipients comprises querying the database with the registered address to determine at least one recipient contact information address associated with the registered address (column 7, line 49-column 8, line 67).

Regarding *claim 11*, Choksi discloses the method discussed above in claim 10, and further teaches that the recipient contact information address is selected from the group consisting of phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and URL addresses (column 7, line 49-column 8, line 67).

Regarding *claim 12*, Choksi discloses the method discussed above in claim 10, and further teaches that querying a database for determining a set of intended recipients further comprises querying the database with the registered address to determine at least one recipient name associated with the registered address (column 7, line 49-column 8, line 67).

Regarding *claim 13*, Choksi discloses the method discussed above in claim 5, and further teaches that saving the facsimile to a specific storage location on a storage media comprises saving the facsimile to a storage media associated with a URL address, and assigning a unique path name to the saved facsimile (column 7, line 49-column 8, line 67).

Regarding *claim 16*, Choksi discloses the method discussed above in claim 5, and further teaches that notifying each of the set of intended recipients of the saved facsimile via an Internet enabled device comprises notifying the Internet enabled device of the specific storage location for retrieving the facsimile, and activating the Internet enabled device to retrieve the facsimile from the specific storage location (column 7, line 49-column 8, line 67).

Regarding *claim 17*, Choksi discloses the method discussed above in claim 16, and further teaches of printing the facsimile at the Internet enabled device (column 5, lines 24-67).

Regarding *claim 18*, Choksi discloses a system for distributing facsimiles comprising a facsimile distribution center for receiving facsimiles (step 106 in Fig. 6, column 9, lines 1-17), saving facsimiles (step 108 in Fig. 6, column 9, lines 12-17), and sending notification messages to at least one Internet enabled device (step 112 in Fig. 6, column 6, lines 18-55), a storage media for storing facsimiles saved by the facsimile distribution center (column 8, lines 3-67, and column 9, lines 12-17), and a database for determining intended recipients for received facsimiles (column 8, lines 3-67).

Regarding *claim 19*, Choksi discloses the system discussed above in claim 18, and further teaches that the facsimile distribution center comprises at least one computer program for receiving facsimiles, accessing the database to determine the at least one Internet enabled device associated with at least one intended recipient of the facsimile, and notifying the at least one Internet enabled device of the facsimile by email (column 8, line 3-column 9, line 17).

Regarding *claim 20*, Choksi discloses the system discussed above in claim 18, and further teaches that the facsimile distribution center comprises at least one computer program for receiving facsimiles, saving facsimiles, and sending notification messages, and at least one

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communications port for communicating with the Internet or a phone line (column 5, lines 13-35, and column 8, line 3-column 9, line 17).

Conclusion

12. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

13. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joe Pokrzywa whose telephone number is (571) 272-7410. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 9:00-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward L. Coles can be reached on (571) 272-7402. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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